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For: *SYMMETRIC, MONOFUNCTIONALISED POLYMETHINE DYES LABELLING REAGENTS*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1, please insert the following title and priority information:

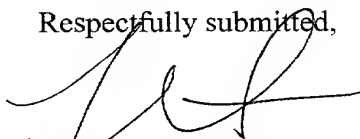
-- *SYMMETRIC, MONOFUNCTIONALISED POLYMETHINE  
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This application claims priority to European patent application number 01100260.7 filed in English on January 3, 2001 the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. --

REMARKS

The above amendment is made to claim priority to the identified European patent application. A certified copy of the application is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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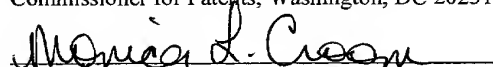
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